

WSO Annual Business Meeting in Malmö, Sweden 2019
GEBACA Intergroup #648

STATS –

Over 25 countries present (usually eight) and >500 participants for conference.
70 delegates from 14 countries for ABC business meeting with 20 remote delegates including NY and Australia.

New Slogans

What is instead of what if.
It's WHAT is right, not WHO is right.
Don't give up on the miracles.

Cultural Difference

In Europe, the home groups meet weekly. The business meeting is held monthly for practical matters.
The Group Conscience meeting is every 3 months.

Hot Topics

Improving skills for successful business meetings
Guidelines for Predatory Behavior

Literature Sold in 2018

1. 17,812 BRB
2. 18,921 Yellow Workbooks
3. 4475 Soft BRB
4. 7872 Soft mediation
5. 2000 Russian BRB
6. 75% Increase in sales via Amazon however >50% fee cost to use Amazon for literature sales
7. Printing lead-time is 3 months to get 10,000 books printed
8. WSO needs to change search engine so Amazon is not the first place to buy ACA literature
9. Membership grows when literature is translated.
10. At least 8 pieces of translated literature will be done this year. Swedish yellow book, German yellow workbook, Russian yellow workbook and Greek yellow workbook. Polish and Italian BRB and Danish meditation book.
11. Translating "The Laundry List" is the most difficult phrase to translate.
12. ACA Introductory text (Little Big Red Book) is more newcomer friendly and will about 200-300 pages. Draft expected late 2019. Expected to be published in late 2020 after the 2020 ABC.
13. Emotional Sobriety pamphlet is recruitment tool for AA folks and available on line
14. Ready, Set, Go book coming soon- October 2019 – it is Interactive program.
15. ACA Bill of Rights – one page will be ready 2019
16. 6100 current subscriptions to The Travelers - WSO.events - for submissions for The Traveler

European Committee needs more volunteers

Increasing translation, increases printing and increases fellow travelers
Global translation audio books and looking at ways to translate to populations with decrease reading skills.

In Europe, Lights On Program – A package for starting a new meeting which includes literature

Ballot Proposal 9: Adopt a Diversity Statement for ACA.

Action: ABC delegates voted to adopt the following diversity statement: "ACA is an inclusive organization and open to all affected by family dysfunction. We strive to create an atmosphere that reflects the diverse communities we serve and where everyone feels empowered to be their full, authentic selves."

Ballot Proposal 7: Approve a Proposed Mission Statement for ACA.

Action: ABC delegates voted to create a working group to review the original draft mission statement, and revise it to address wording concerns expressed by delegates. A revised version will be resubmitted for consideration at the 2020 ABC.

Trustee ratification: Delegates ratified the following trustees for WSO board service: Bill D., Carole C., Charlie H., David McB., Erin D., Jim B., Majbrit M., Miles C., Pat H., Rich R.

WSO board officers: The new WSO trustee officers were announced to the delegates: Charlie H., chair; David McB., vice chair; Pat H., treasurer; and Miles C., secretary.

Member and Public Service Committee needs volunteers.

Reaching out to non-ACA members and therapists.

Young adults – teens@adultchildren.org

Needs chair

Speaking at Board of Supervisor for school district

Mental Health Fairs at school district

H&I - This committee has inquired with the AA WSO Committee to improve the program.

Sends yellowbooks with glued spines

Needs support

Books can be sent from H&I when an inmates requests literature if approval by Institute's Administration. Books have to be sent by the publisher.

Service Structure Committee is changed Service Network Committee

Meeting Update important to do

Have meetings affiliated to intergroup or region

Region pamphlet available for Region 2

OPPM (operating policy and procedure manual) is a living documented and on line.

Board Members takes 10-30 hours per week.

Looking for some interested in a board member with 2-3 recovery to make the Board more diversified.

Nominating Committee has a diversity statement for this committee

Statement on webpage

Archive Committee – archives@adultchildren.org

Information coming in from NY and CA from the '80's

Oral interviews done from the old times from NY

Can send intergroup minutes, by laws

Audit Committee

Major change to switch from cash-based accounting to accrual-based accounting to comply with general accepted accounting principles (GAAP)

Establishing a fraud hotline in process

Develop on accounting manual in progress, a living document

More in-line with accounting standards

Predatory Behavior Working Group

Suggested to have every Intergroup Addressing Predatory Behavior

Scary topic and people don't want to participate. Encourage participation by announcing topic over three-week period so the idea of the topic is not so scary.

Literature Committee motion: that the delegates approve a proposed meeting safety card drafted by the Addressing Predatory Behavior working group.

Action: After extensive discussion, ABC delegates approved the following motion—that the Addressing Predatory Behavior working group convene at least two open discussion sessions, available to all volunteers, and revise proposed literature about victimizing behavior inside and outside ACA meetings. Following WSO board approval, the revised literature will be made available to the fellowship by September 2019, so that groups can test it and provide feedback to WSO. The working group and Literature Committee will incorporate fellowship suggestions as needed, and bring a final document back to the 2020 ABC for Conference approval.

Treasure Report

At least 100 line items

Revenue is mostly from literature sales

Income from 7th Tradition is -

 Via shopping cart \$87,566.29

 Mail in \$29,445.05

Prudent Reserve is about \$100,00 however an amount for prudent reserve has not been approved.

Monthly operations cost around \$80,000/month hence \$240,000 would be a likely amount.

2018 Net Income was \$1188.78.

No GEBACA 7th tradition noted for 2018.

Concord's 7th Tradition donations noted for 2018.

INFORMATIONAL

WSO uses Slack as a platform to thread conversations on announcements, delegate information, Intergroup information, etc. You have to be invited to join. If interested, let me know.

Suggested Next Steps for Us

1. Have each group check WSO website for updates including public contact, intergroup and region affiliation (GEBACA and Region 2).
2. Share Region 2 trifold
3. Think about GEBACA sending our Roles and Expectation document to the Archives committee.
4. Address Predatory Behavior in the GEBACA agenda and home group business meetings.